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From the Oval Office

By Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, GARS President

Hi, troops! Sure hope all of you who were able to make it to last month's meeting had as much fun as I did. The looks on your faces when I whipped out the lace tablecloth, vase of flowers and ribbon-adorned gavel were absolutely priceless. There's nothing like a good laugh to set the right mood, don't you think? For those of you who couldn't be with us, the whole scenario was



set up to "reassure" everyone that, just because we have a female president now, that doesn't mean that anything has to "change".... It was a fun moment, and I'm sorry if you weren't able to be there to share it with us.

Thanks to Andrea, KG4IUM, and her dad Scott, KF4PWI, who used their computer skills to make some certificates for me, I was able to present the very first GARS Presidential Unsung Hero Award to Rick Patchin, KD4RFX. It was a real pleasure to honor this kind and gentle man. Poor thing, his face was almost as red as the carnation I gave him. Same for nce, AJ4S, who received a

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Frank Saucinas
(KF4TQV)
Has a message to all of us about the "Spirit of Amateur Radio"

See Frank's article in the May edition of the *Garzette*

THE GARZETTE

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HOT FREQUENCIES

By Barry Zoll, N1TOQ

Lou Manglass, NY4F, bumped into this in a modification article on converting Motorola Spectra radios to ham band. It's pretty good info on railroad scanning.

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E-Groups?

By David Adcock, KA4KKF

Lawrenceville GA - For the past year or so, GARS as well as many organizations worldwide, have been using the E-Groups service to keep in touch with each other and to pass information, but in the ever-changing world of technology companies, E-Groups was recently sold to Yahoo!

The impact on GARS has been minimal. All you need to do to have access to this service is to go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS/join>.

The above url will take you to the sign-in screen, where you can sign in as a member or a guest.

As a GARS member, this service is very valuable as it will keep you informed on up-to-date club information.

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(Note: this article is not an advertisement or authorized GARS endorsement)



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GARS Ham Radio Demonstration
R. D. Head Elementary School, Lilburn, Georgia
November 15, 2000
by Pickett Cummins, AD4S

Gars conducted an amateur radio demonstration for the Science Club at R. D. Head Elementary School in Lilburn on November 15th. GARS President, David Adcock, KA4KKF, had been contacted by Mrs. Stevens who heads up this activity and David had put out a call in the GARZETTE for help. Several GARS members responded and a husband of one of the teachers joined them. Joining David were GARS members, Dan, KF4YSU, Pickett, AD4S and Paul, K4HCM and they were joined by Stan, WA4DYD, whose wife is a teacher there.

Students in grades K-5 were involved in this effort. Only the older students actually participated in the radio demonstrations and Morse code clinic. Students who could send their names in code received a miniature W4GR QSL card. The younger children did more crafts type work at their tables. The older student rotated between the 4 main demonstration venues and had approximately 15 minutes at each site. More than 100 students attended this activity and all of the demonstration sites were really crowded with energetic students.

The GARS members were amazed at the intense interest in all of the demonstrations. All of the students wanted to send some CW, they all wanted to make a phone contact and they were all over the computer demonstration of satellite tracking since the International Space Station was being tracked.

An interesting note: Stan, WA4DYD, had a framed set of pictures of the first space shuttle ham, Owen Garriot. In the frame was an article on satellite communications by amateur radio operators that was written by former GARS member, Pete Shaw, K4LDR who now lives in Florida.

All of the GARS members agreed that this is one activity that every radio club should get involved in. All of the teachers and parent assistants were most appreciative of the efforts that GARS went to in seeing that the demonstration was comprehensive and useful to this age group.

One of the interesting things occurred during the demonstration. Paul, K4HCM, made his 1st contact with a really great ham in Virginia. The ham was a TV producer and produced the program on Bob Ballard's discovery of the Titanic. In the process of talking to a number of the students, this ham revealed that he knew many famous personalities from his TV work including Arnold Schwarzenager. The students were speechless.

See some great photos of this event on page 8

GWINNETT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

March Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2001

Submitted by Sharon Carter, KG4HKO

Officers in attendance: President, Susan Swiderski, AF4FO; Vice President, Sid Williams, K4SID; Treasurer, Dan Keohan, KF4 YSU; Secretary, Sharon Carter, KG4HKO; and Activities Coordinator, Bill Ahls, AB0KF.

President Susan Swiderski opened the meeting at 7:32 PM. Her opening remarks were followed by an invitation for visitors to introduce themselves. Rich, KB9IDV, was welcomed by Susan and the members of the club.

After the general introduction of members, several of the company reported on important happenings in the last several weeks. Doug, KB6RRX made in-flight radio contact with the crew of a B-1 bomber. Congratulations, Doug - wish we could have heard that! Andrea, KG4IUM, was one of several GARS members to visit the amateur radio station at ciTrek on Saturday, March 12. She has been appointed as the designer and manager for QSL cards for station W4WOW. Andrea has really been busy designing some great QSL cards.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the Garzette.

Treasurer, Dan Keogh, passed out an analysis of accounts to club members showing the activity on all club accounts for the past year. At the request of the executive committee, the section entitled "activities" will be broken out further for next month's report. The fiscal year was identified as running from July 1 to the following June 30 each year. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Dan has also been hard at work compiling a complete inventory of club property. He and his crew have completed tagging and logging items stored in the repeater shacks and the storage shed located at the Gann's residence. If you know of, or have in

your possession, any other club property, please contact Dan so that it may be added to the inventory.

There was no vice-president's report for this month.

Bill Ahls, Activities Coordinator, requested that members communicate with him if they have ideas for meeting programs. Tonight's program will be about Field Day preparation, some others are already scheduled. There are still several open nights. Bill also reminded members of the Kidney Foundation Walk on March 31 in downtown Atlanta. He needs at least 2 more volunteers. Information and maps are available. Next month's meeting program will feature a talk on Dxpedition.

Public Relations Officer Carol Gann, KG4ETR, introduced two new display boards that she has created for the club. One is a welcome board, which will display general information about the club, its officers, members, and activities. The other is a News and Notes board, where she will post interesting information, such as club statistics, etc. This board is also open for additions by individual members.

Win Jackson, N1TWX, our Education Officer, announced the beginning of our next training class on Tuesday, April 10.

Susan introduced Scott, (KF4PWI) and Andrea (KG4IUM) Hartlage as our new membership co-chairs. They made applications available to those who are interested.

Members were requested to forward any new information for the club website.

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Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

First Tuesday

Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers

Old Hickory House
5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.
Talk In 145.410(-)

Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
Talk In 146.880(-)

First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza
Meeting is at 7:30 PM
Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC

Jefferson Civic Center
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from
Jefferson
Meeting is at 6:30 PM
Talk In - 147.225(+)

North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Shoney's Restaurant
Holcomb Bridge Road at grimes Bridge Road
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 145.47(-)

Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road
Lilburn
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 146.760(-)

Second Saturday

East Atlanta LAN

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Dunwoody
Meeting is at 10:00 AM
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

Third THURSDAY



Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Central Baptist Church
Gwinnett Drive
Lawrenceville
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)



Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

First Sunday

WCARS VEC

2:00 PM
(Except July and September)
Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

First Saturday

9:00AM

Clayton County Emergency
Management Building
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

Second Tuesday

7:00PM

Walton EMC
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA
(770)498-7759

Second Saturday, Odd Months

CA VEC

8:30 AM

Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
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Bob Verone, W4ETN
(770)978-3179

Third Saturday

CA VEC

9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist Church
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave
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Larry Huff, WA4CQZ
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Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC

7:00 PM

United Way Service Center
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Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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for the first time; July 21, Georgia Games State Championships, time to see the best in Georgia show there stuff; August 7-12, USCA National Championships, a variety of national canoe and kayak teams out to win the national title.

These events require many volunteers to be successful. Amateur radio volunteers using handhelds, portable repeaters, and even family service radios have helped make the event safe and fun for all. Please come out and join us for a day, or entire event. For more information or to sign up for an event please contact: Eddie Foust, wd4jem@bellsouth.net, 770-339-4886 or Todd Bowden, AF4ZC, Af4zc@arrl.net, 770-536-3135.

Scenes from the R.D. Head Elementary School During the GARS Demo

Pictures Courtesy of Pickett Cummins, AD4S



Pickett, AD4S, reviews Morse Code with the Kids



Paul, K4HCM make a long distance Contact on HF

March Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 9)
ding anniversary.

If you know of anyone within the club that you believe deserves an Unsung Hero award, please let me know. There are many folks in this club who've helped countless other hams, in the true spirit of amateur radio. Some I know about; some, I don't. Is there someone that you know about who's gone out of his way to help you or other hams? Tell me about it. The more input I get from you, the more meaningful this award will be.

Bob, W4ETN, did a great job letting us know how we stand for this year's field day. The planning is progressing very well, and the one big opening right now is for a bandmaster, someone to coordinate all of the stations. Get in touch with Bob if you'd like to help in any way. A couple of asides on field day: If you don't want to have to wear one of those yucky stick-on IDs at field day this year, get in touch with Bill, KG4FXG, and he can order you an official GARS badge or tee shirt. Secondly, Bobi Brooks asked me about getting field day tee shirts, like we've had the past three years. Thanks, Bobi, for the reminder. I've emailed the fella who's made those shirts for us the past few years, and I'm hoping that he'll be able to take care of us again this year. If you have an idea for the design for this year's shirts, bring it to the next club meeting. Otherwise, we'll order the standard "I survived field day" shirts, like we did the first couple of years.

April 18 is World Amateur Radio Day, and what better way to spend it than teaching and demonstrating amateur radio to a bunch of students? That's exactly what we'll be doing. A group of GARS members will be visiting Richard Middle School, and the plans are looking terrific. Here's a great big thank you, in advance, to all of the people who've already signed on to making this a successful venture, as well as an invitation to anyone else who'd like to join us. A special thank you goes out to Pickett, AD4S, who very easily convinced me that doing school demos was an admirable path for GARS to take. Our goal is to visit 2 or 3 middle schools each school year.

Another idea up the ol' presidential sleeve is for GARS to hold a ham auction, maybe sometime in the

fall, and hopefully, use any earnings from this event to start a scholarship fund. There are a lot of details to be

worked out yet, but the major thing we need is a viable location to hold the auction... optimally, low-cost, or free of charge. (So, I'm an optimist!) Mike, N4MLB, is going to check one possible site, but if you know of a place, or would be interested in taking this idea and running with it, please get in touch with me. Look how much fun Techfest has become for us... I believe a ham auction would be just as much fun, and another excellent opportunity to bring a bunch of local hams from surrounding clubs together to enjoy some good fellowship. And hey! We already have our auctioneer signed up...none other than Howie, W9HG.

Talking about Howie, he informed me that GARS will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this June. Stay tuned for more information as it unfolds on plans to operate a special event station to commemorate another club milestone. (We'll need someone to make certificates, for sure...)

As you'll see elsewhere in the Garzette, some club members have already stepped forward to be on our Elmer list, for those of us who need a "helping ham". This is the spirit of amateur radio at its finest. Heartfelt thanks to all of them. If you have an amateur radio problem or question, call one of them. If you want to add your name to the list, especially if you have a particular area of expertise, whether it be APRS, satellites, trouble-shooting, solving interference problems, or whatever, get in touch with either Barry, N1TOQ, or me.

Just a couple of words on the dog show. The commitments to work this event are trickling in very slowly. Even if I know that you have worked every single shift of every single show in the past, I am assuming nothing. If you don't specifically let me know that you are willing to work the show in August, your name will not be on the list. Get in touch if you want to board that train. If the train's not full, it won't be leaving the depot!

Hope y'all can make the next meeting. DXpeditioner

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From the Oval Office *(Continued from page 1)*

extraordinaire Bob Allphin, who made trips to Clipperton, Bhutan and Kingman Reef last year, will be doing a program on Kingman Reef. This is the same program that he'll be doing in Dayton next month. Come see it with us first!

Because of the favorable response to the special Memorial Day net held last year, we'll be doing it again this year on Tuesday, May 29, in place of the usual want-swap-sell net. Join us in honoring the true meaning of this special day. If you have an appropriate poem or such that you'd like to share with the net that evening, please do.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The church will be unavailable to us for our May meeting, so we will be meeting in the J & A Building cafeteria.

Well, that's about it for this month. Until next month, this is AF4FO,
signing clear. 73

GARS ELMERS

Many of us Hams got interested in the hobby as a result of some influence and experienced Ham had on us. In my case, a ham stopped at my dealership back in the mid-80's to arrange a repair on his outboard motor. He had a funny looking license tag on his yellow Corvette and I inquired what it was. Little did I know, he would be my "Elmer".

The GARS organization is blessed with a lot of talented members that are willing to share their knowledge. The following list is made up of those individuals willing to serve as Elmers. Hopefully, this list will grow, and in time, maybe we'll get more who are willing to add a particular area of expertise.

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TID—BITS

By Susan Swiderski, AF4F0

Howie informed me that GARS will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in June, and suggested that we get a special 1 x 1 callsign and run a special event station like we did a few years back. Our old standby call W4G was already spoken for, but we do have the callsign of W4A for the time period of June 11 to June 25. That means, we can use this callsign for field day, if we'd like, but more importantly, we can run a special event on the weekend of June 16-17. I'll be sending a notice to QST to advertise it... now, we just have to line up some folks who would like to make the contacts. I'll list it as being on bands from 2M to 80M. (Getting people to make contacts on our repeater should be a breeze, if the last time we did this is any indication.)

Also, I just found out this AM, by calling the church, that we won't be able to meet there for our May meeting. But I've already lined up the cafeteria at the J & A Building, so no problem. The request to have the proclamation issued in June for Amateur Radio Week has already been made, as well.

Our next big thing is the school demo on April 18. Through many exchanges of emails, the teacher has stressed to me that these students are slow learners who react best to "hands-on" type activities. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. We want to make this as enjoyable for these kids as possible. Their excitement level is very high right now, but they thought they might be "building a radio". Time certainly doesn't allow for a Pixie II type project, but any other ideas?

Free Food, Boat Rides, and Fun

By Eddie Foust, WD4JEM

Spring is around the corner with several opportunities to get out and play radio. Over the past couple of years amateur radio operators from around the area have played radio and enjoyed being out in the sun, rain, and even cold while helping provide communications for the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club's major events. During the events amateur radio operators assist with communications on the lake to help events run smoothly and provide a safe venue for the competition.

During 2001 we have the following events needing amateur radio support: April 13 - 15, International World Cup sprint races with twelve different countries already signed up to come to Georgia to compete; May 5, Dragon Boat Races, very interesting to watch 20 people paddle these old wooden boats down the course; June 2 Georgia Games Regional, an event with many new middle school paddlers out there trying it

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March Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 5)**OLD BUSINESS -**

If you want to commit to working the Dog Show, contact Susan. If enough volunteers commit to attending, we will continue to do the shows, otherwise we will pass this opportunity on to another group.

There is some interest in beginning an "Elmer" list of those members willing to provide support for new hams or graduates of our classes. So far, the following members have volunteered their services: KF4KSE, David Moon mobile installations, WE5O, Ron - general, N1TWX, Win, & W4WKP, Johnny -general. A sign-up was made available up front, or interested parties may call Susan to volunteer.

The club will sponsor an amateur radio demonstration to be held April 18 at Richards Middle School from 11:35-1:30, and 2:05-3:30. Attending will be fifty-six eighth grade students. The only concern at this time is outside access for antenna cable, AD4S Pickett, K4HCM Paul, KF4YSE Dan, KF4PWI Scott, K4HBI Mike, AF4FO Susan, W4ADE Ade, KG4HKO Sharon, and KG4IUM Andrea. The presentation coincides with the observance of World Amateur Radio Day.

NEW BUSINESS -

Joe Michalko, KG4FBQ, has volunteered to assemble a GARS Welcome Kit. He observes that people at testing situations are primed to become members. The

kit will provide a generic welcome to amateur radio, a letter from the president, our Reasons to Join GARS brochure, a membership application for GARS, and ARES, ARRL brochure & applications to encourage membership. Bob Varone, W4ETN will pass out at St. Mountain sessions. Steve Back, WB2OGY, suggested that we add information about the Venture Crew (especially for younger newcomers), and Susan suggested that we add the Elmer list.

Earl announced the Boy Scout Spring Fling to be held at Scoutland on March 24. An amateur radio station will be operating from 1-5 PM on Saturday afternoon. The purpose of this event is to share Boy Scout activities with area Cub Scouts.

One alternative fund-raising activity that has been

suggested would be a Ham Auction. Susan is looking for someone to coordinate details, location, etc. The auction would be open to all clubs, with GARS getting a percentage of each sale. Howie Gould, W9HG, has agreed to be auctioneer. We need leg-work, location, time frame (Fall?) Location requirements are open, some possibilities discussed would be the Methodist campground, an empty building within an office park, a mobile home community, etc.

Rick, KD4RFK, expressed concerns about getting the Garzette out before the monthly meeting. At present, no one is preparing and mailing the publication. Rick is willing to meet or deliver the printed Garzette to a mailing crew. The mailing must go out through the Lilburn Post Office. Dan offered to assist.

GARS PRESIDENTIAL UNSUNG HERO AWARD - Susan's idea, Scott and Andrea agreed to design certificate. The first award goes to someone who is always busy at his church, is involved with GA Baptist Relief, training in water filtration and so on. When Victor needed to resign as newsletter editor, our Unsung Hero volunteered to serve as editor in the interim. For last 7 months he has been printing the Garzette at a cost \$17/month - great savings for club. The first GARS Presidential Unsung Hero Award goes to Rick, KD4RFK.

If you know of someone who deserves recognition, contact Susan she would like to make this a monthly or bi-monthly event.

Susan also recognized Clarence, AJ4S, who celebrated his 52nd wedding anniversary last week.

PROGRAM - FIELD DAY, led Bob Varone, K4ETN. Bob reviewed the purposes of field day - fellowship, food, exposure to public, instruction of new hams, introducing Amateur Radio to people, rehearsing for disaster communications, etc. He emphasized that while it is run in a contest fashion, Field Day is NOT a contest. The ARRL's goal is really the number operators who participate and gain experience in emergency preparedness. Scores and number of transmitters are not as important as these other purposes.

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Last year there were many transmitters without operators. This year we will cut back on the number of transmitters, but keep those we have in constant operation.

Bob's Co-chair for the event is Mike Kovac, K4MJK. Ade, W4ADE, has arranged the site that was used last year - Rose Jordan Park.

Mary Ahls will organize a Hospitality Table. She will need volunteers - this can be wives and non-hams, too!

We will use computer logging this year in order to eliminate dup sheets. Bill Ahls is working on arranging a logging program - Alford has used CT Logger and has liked it. The purchase price is about \$80, or we have permission to use a copy if someone in the club donates it for the day - see Bill for legal paperwork. The program will provide simultaneous log to hard & floppy, so if the computer fouls up, we would lose only the contact in progress. We will need one computer at each station (6) - See Bill to coordinate use of computer or software.

Last year's food coordinators are not available, but will assist by providing a count of quantities of various food and supply needs. We may have some catered - BBQ for evening meal, cold cuts for lunch, breakfast - doughnuts, etc.

Field Day Coordinators:

Operations - Barry N1TOQ

Antenna - David KA4KKF

Public Relations - Carol Gann - get promotion to community & students

Emergency/First Aid - needed - contact Bob

Station Master Coordinator - makes sure that equipment arrives when needed and assembled - needed - contact Bob 40m CW - Johnny and Ron Langston 6 alpha, Georgia - 80m CW or sideband, 40m CW or sideband, (CW at night), 20m (2) - 1 CW, 1 side, 15 & 10 one station each.

We must maintain a mode for at least 15 min before switching.

For scoring and other information, see the ARRL

package - Field Day 2001 --
from ARRL web page - shows bonus points, etc.
6/23-24/01

Next meeting - probably 1st weekend of next month

RETURN TO MEETING:

HRO CERTIFICATE - KB9IDV Rich

Nick - teaching radio merit badge at Council ____ this summer, needs equipment to borrow (or donated equipment) - by May meeting
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Committee Chairs:

Let's fill this feature with dates and events to keep GARS members looking ahead!



April 2001

Executive committee
19th GARS Club Meeting

May 2001

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17th GARS Club Meeting

June 2001

Executive committee
21st GARS Club Meeting
23th-25th FIELD DAY

July 2001

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19th GARS Club Meeting

August 2001

Executive committee
16th GARS Club Meeting

September 2001

Executive committee
20th GARS Club Meeting

Meeting Time
&
Location

3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM
Central Baptist
Church,
Gwinnett Drive,
Lawrenceville
Talk in 147.075(+) MHz
82.5 PL Tone